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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF MINES DEPLORES MANY CASUALTIES

Director Holmes Advises That More Drastic Steps Be Taken Miners, Operators and Government to Check Mortality.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Federal Bureau of Mines has its horrors as well as war is shown in the casualty list for 1913, issued today by the United States Bureau of Mines. This list gives 3,651 men killed in the year. The number of men injured was not tabulated, but it is estimated that it reached 160,000.

Altogether in the coal mines, metal mines and quarries 1,947,019 men employed, and the death rate for each 1,000 men engaged was 3.49 or nearly three and one-half men.

Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, Director of the Bureau of Mines, comes forward with the statement that, taking the hazards of the industry into consideration, this list of death and injury is excessive and unnecessary and a discredit to the industry and the country.

Commenting on the deaths in the mines, Dr. Holmes said: "We stand aghast at the slaughter in Europe as reports reach us concerning the terrible war that is raging, and we pride ourselves on our freedom from war through the adaptation of higher ideals and standards. Yet to me this report on the death in one year of 3,651 men engaged in a peaceful industry is quite as discreditable. And when we consider that this record is being repeated year after year, the very thought of it becomes appalling. In the last three years, as far back as the records of the bureau covering certain branches of the industry go, the mines and quarries of the United States have swallowed up 12,457 human lives and have incapacitated temporarily probably a quarter of a million men. And the saddest part of it all is that a great part of this death toll and a still greater part of the injuries are not necessary. I believe I am conservative when I say that half of the 3,651 men killed in the year 1913 might have been saved and three-fourths of the 160,000 men injured in the same year might have escaped injury had all the various agencies involved, the operators, the miners, and the State and National Governments done their full duty in the matter.

Perhaps no one of these agencies has done its full duty. For the Bureau of Mines, as representing the Federal Government, I can say that, owing to a lack of adequate funds, this bureau has fallen short of doing its full part in this great safety movement; and I therefore hesitate to criticize the seeming shortcomings of any other agency.

"It is not to the credit of the United States that the very European countries embroiled in the greatest conflict of the ages kill in their mining industries but one-half or even one-third of the number of men we kill. I refer to the number killed to every 1,000 employed, which is a fair basis for comparison. According to the latest foreign statistics, Belgium killed one man in every 1,000; Great Britain and France one and one-half men; and Germany two and one-half men; as compared with the American death rate of three and one-half.

"With such a gruesome record as has the United States in its mining industry, it is high time something more drastic is done to bring this excessive loss of life down to a basis that will be more favorably comparable with other countries. It can be done; it should be done; and I hope that the American people will see that it is done.

"Before the Federal Government began its attempts to aid in reducing the mortality of the mines, the death rate was steadily increasing; and although every year our coal mines grow deeper and more hazardous, as with increasing depth the exposure cases increase this increase in fatalities has fortunately been stopped and the rate is now being slightly reduced. But this is only a beginning of what I hope will soon be a much greater improvement. What we really have to do is to aid in saving the lives of at least two men in every 1,000, of the three and one-half men per 1,000 now killed in our mining operations. In an industrial army of over a million men working underground, that will mean a yearly saving of more than 2,600 lives; and in the combined mining and mineral industries, employing two and one-third million men, I hope we can aid in preventing 30,000 to 40,000 accidents each year.

"It must not be forgotten that mining is and always will be a hazardous industry and that each year I will demand as its tribute to modern civilization a certain death toll. We cannot avoid the inevitable, but we can avoid the unnecessary; and that would mean each year the lives of at least two thousand miners spared to the Nation's wage earners and to their wives and families; and a reduction to an extent of 30,000 to 40,000 in

non-fatal accidents in the mining and metallurgical industries of the country. Surely this is something worth striving for."

## EXPLAINS DEATH "FESTIVAL" IDEA



Governor Hunt.

"When I spoke of inviting the heads of corporations to witness the festival of death, I referred to what should be done, rather than what would be done," said Governor Hunt of Arizona when interrogated concerning his utterances respecting the eleven men under sentence of death, who were reprieved to December 19 to await the referendum of the people on the abolishment of capital punishment. Abolishment lost at the polls, and the governor blames the big corporations.

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**MONTHS** in advance of its opening the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco was 95 per cent completed. The photograph above shows a stately alcove in the Court of the Four Seasons, of which Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln memorial at Potomac Park, Washington, D. C., is the architect. In each of the four corners of the court are niches containing fountains and symbolizing the seasons—spring, summer, autumn and winter.

## ROCKING CHAIR JOBS DOOMED IN FRANCE

Government Is Getting After the Men Who Held Easy Berths.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Owners of fine automobiles, costing in some cases several thousands of dollars, felt a wave of patriotism when the cars were requisitioned by the government at one-fourth their value or less. Now they have learned that the finest cars were not usually sent to the fighting line, but were used by officers "Embuseque", a word given a revised or broadened definition by ex-Premier Clemenceau. An embusquer, he says, is an individual that public danger calls to arms and who does not experience sufficient combativity to get within range of the enemy's guns.

In every place where there was red tape, wherever there was a comfortable requisitioned motor car to drive, or a Red Cross ambulance to pilot, guards to furnish, reports to write or to carry behind the lines, sick to help, funds to raise, the embusques swarmed during the first three months of the war. They were easily recognized, for theirs were the finest cars and their uniforms were spick and span. But they are rapidly becoming less numerous. Minister of War Millerand spoiled their rest with an order requiring every officer not originally incorporated in an auxiliary service to join his corps at once.

An instance of what happened after the issue of this order is furnished by a General commanding an army corps. Calling unexpectedly at a headquarters that was all bound up in red tape, he interrogated a sergeant at the door.

"What are you doing?" he asked. "I'm on guard." "Is that all?" "No, I also copy letters and put them into envelopes; sometimes I carry them on a bicycle; I answer telephone calls, and receive visitors." "And you do all that alone?" "No, general, there are twelve of us, we sort of relay each other."

"Well", replied the General, "you must be unfortunate indeed to be tied down here to such a hard job while your comrades have soft berths in the trenches. I think about two of your assistants must be in the same fix, so you'd just get ready at double quick and join your regiment."

## PIRATES PICK UP PROMISING PLAYER



G. C. ("Buck") Sterzer.

G. C. ("Buck") Sterzer, who goes to the Pittsburgh National league team from St. Joseph next spring, is one of the most promising pitchers that maker of ball players, Jack Holland, ever has turned out.

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